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SUBJECT : HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKEND PRESS

1. PM DECLARATION: THESSALONIKI PAPERS OF SEPTEMBER 29 FRONTPAGE PHOTOS AND DECLARATION OF PM KARAMANLIS PREVIOUS DAY. INITIAL EDITORIAL COMMENT HIGHLY FAVORABLE. "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" WRITES THAT "NEW DEMOCRACY" WILL UNITE ALL GREEKS BEHIND KARAMANLIS, "GREAT AND UNQUESTIONED NATIONAL LEADER". EDITORIAL BY CHIEF ED KYROU WARMLY PRAISES PM, BUT ALSO INCLUDES REFERENCE TO MAUROS AS "GREAT" LEADER. TRADITIONALLY PRO-CU "MAKEDONIA" LABELS KARAMANLIS DECLARATION AS "NATIONAL CHARTER FOR RENEWAL OF POLITICAL LIFE".

2. LOCAL POLITICS: WEEKEND PAPERS ALSO CARRY STATEMENTS BY LOCAL POLITICIANS DECLINING TO RUN FOR ELECTION, (PROBABLY BECAUSE OF AGE) AND DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY BY CU AND PASOK HOPEFULS IN SERRES AND KOZANI. PAPERS NOTE PASOK MEETINGS IN THESSALONIKI SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1 AND SCHEDULED ELECTION OF LOCAL COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2. LARGE CU MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27 UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP FORMER MINISTER NICOLAOS TERZOGLU. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, MEETING ENDORSED MAVROS AS LEADER OF PARTY, ISSUED RELEASE PLEDGING

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"CLEANSING" OF POLITICAL SYSTEM AND PUNISHMENT FOR JUNTA LEADERS,

AND ELECTED TEMPORARY LOCAL COMMITTEE. REPORT FROM KAVALA NOTES APPEARANCE THERE SEPTEMBER 28 OF ROYALIST LEAFLETS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED HERE (THESSALONIKI 606).

3. FILM FESTIVAL: "THESSALONIKI" OF SEPTEMBER 20 FRONTPAGES REPORT ON STUDENT DISRUPTIONS DURING AWARD CEREMONY FOR GREEK FILM FESTIVAL. STUDENTS REFUSED TO ACCEPT CRITICS SELECTION AND PREVENTED AWARDING OF PRIZES. NOTE: SEPARATE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, IN WHICH US HAS FOUR ENTRIES, SCHEDULED TO RUN FROM SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 6. PAPERS ALSO COVER PRESENCE AT FESTIVAL OF MELINA MERCOURI ON FIRST VISIT TO THESSALONIKI IN 14 YEARS. MERCOURI REFUSED TO COMMENT ON POLITICS DURING ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. AID TO BORDER AREAS: PAPERS OF SEPTEMBER 29 REPORT DECISION BY ATHENS MONETARY COMMITTEE PREVIOUS DAY TO AUTHORIZE 3-YEAR COMMERCIAL BANK LOANS AT 5 PERCENT TO RESIDENTS OF BORDER AREAS IN NOMI OF EVROS, RHODOPI AND XANTHI, AS WELL AS EASTERN AEGEAN ISLANDS. MEASURE INTENDED TO COVER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF BORDER RESIDENTS FROM JULY 18 - DECEMBER 31, 1974, IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE FOR DISRUPTION DURING MOBILIZATION AND POSSIBLY TO DISCOURAGE EMIGRATION FROM BORDERS.

5. STUDENT MEETINGS: WEEKEND PRESS CONTINUES COVERAGE OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AT VARIOUS THESS UNIV FACULTY RM PARTICULAR ATTENTION GIVEN TO ATTACKS OF "DE-JUNTAIZATION COMMITTEES" AGAINST FACULTY ACCUSED OF COLLABORATING WITH MILITARY REGIME. CURRENT PRIME TARGET IS FORMER STATE COMMISSIONER AT UNIV, RET. LT. GEN. POLYZOPOULOS, WHO NOW DEPARTMENT HEAD AT LARGEST VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.  
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